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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT  
WITH A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BIOTERRORISM**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on July 29, 2008, to amend existing service agreement related to bioterrorism response and public health emergency preparedness funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the contract maximum obligation not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and notification of the Board offices.

On April 26, 2009, a public health emergency was declared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the result of the detection of 20 known cases of individuals infected by swine origin Influenza A virus, now known as the H1N1 in the United States. Subsequently, the World Health Organization declared the first pandemic in over 40 years in recognition of widespread and sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus in multiple regions around the globe. In light of the threat a pandemic can pose to the nation's public health and security, Congress responded by appropriating funding for the "Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund" to prepare for and respond to the influenza pandemic. These funds are intended to bolster the nation's preparedness and response capabilities in order to decrease morbidity and mortality rates associated with the influenza pandemic.

Approximately 85% of the H1N1 vaccines supplied to LA County go to the private sector for distribution to the bulk of the eligible population through their regular healthcare providers. The remaining vaccine is being administered to the public by the Department of Public Health (DPH) using a mass vaccination campaign to provide vaccine to the eligible population of Los Angeles County that includes those that do not have a medical

home, are under or uninsured, or may have difficulty accessing vaccine through the private sector channels. To assist with reaching this population, DPH has partnered with a number of community clinics to deliver vaccine to eligible patients.

The 12 Community Health Centers (CHCs) targeted to receive funds to disseminate the H1N1 vaccine in specifically planned H1N1 outreach clinics during the fall and winter of 2009 were identified due to their current status as CHCs funded by the State Immunization Branch (through DPH) to provide all childhood vaccines through their community clinics. The targeted CHCs have demonstrated their ability to provide immunization services to selected populations according to the CDC and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices guidelines and recommendations and are familiar with vaccine dissemination protocol as well as handling and storage requirements. These CHCs were chosen because of their ability to vaccinate the high volumes necessary to meet the needs of the Los Angeles County population and DPH objectives.

On October 22, 2009, DPH notified the Board that it was executing agreements with 11 of the 12 selected CHCs. Using the above referenced delegated authority, DPH will now amend the existing Agreement (PH-000999) with QueensCare Family Clinic to support DPH's efforts by vaccinating vulnerable and medically underserved populations.

The total proposed cost for the QueensCare Family Clinic's amendment is \$13,104 (increasing the total maximum obligation from \$56,902 to \$70,006) for the period of October 26, 2009 through February 28, 2010. Funds are available under CDC Public Health Emergency Response funds NA 1H75TP000350-01 Amendment 3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

County Counsel and the CEO have approved Amendment Number 1 to Agreement Number PH-000999 as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF/jr/ev

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Acting County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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